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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Smith**   Case: **AMAT/5367/CMP/RKK**

Serial No.: **09/865,852**   Filed: **May 24, 2001**

Examiner: **Robert A. Rose**   Group Art Unit: **3723**

Title: **CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING SYSTEM WITH MOBILE LOAD CUP**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 4) dated April 29, 2003 which imposed a restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application, the Applicant elects without traverse the invention of <u>Group I</u> (claims 1-40) for further prosecution. Claims 41-55 of Group II are cancelled without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications in order to prosecute the non-elected group.
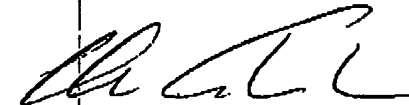
Accordingly, both further consideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited. If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone <u>Mr. Keith Taboada</u> at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate

arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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